

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 41, 44, and 45 are amended, and claims 48-57 are newly added. Claims 22-57 are now pending in the application, although claims 41-49 and 54-57 are withdrawn. Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the application.

Applicant affirms election of Species A (corresponding to Figure 21). Nonelected claims 41-46 are amended to depend from elected claim 22 but otherwise are withdrawn as directed to a nonelected species. In addition, newly added claims 48, 49, and 54-57 are withdrawn as directed to a nonelected species. Newly added claims 50-53 read on the elected species.

The title of the application was objected to. Applicant has submitted a new title in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. The objection to the title should thus be overcome.

Claims 22-40 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1, 2, and 17-19 of US Patent No. 6,764,869. For purposes of clarification, Applicant notes that, although claim 22 of the present application includes some of the same limitations as claim 1 of US Patent No. 6,764,869, the limitations of claim 22 of the present application are not the same as the limitations of claim 1 of US Patent No. 6,764,869, nor are the scopes of those two claims the same. Nevertheless, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer, which should overcome the rejection.

Applicant notes that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on June 26, 2003. Applicant requests that the references listed in that Information Disclosure Statement be considered and the listing of references be initialed and returned to Applicant.

Applicant also requests that US Patent No. 6,764,869, which was the subject of the double patenting rejection, be listed in an 892 form so that US Patent No. 6,764,869 will be identified on the front of any patent issuing from the present application as having been considered by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all of the claims are allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a discussion with Applicant's attorney would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (801) 323-5934.

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